27. The method of claim 26, further including the step of modifying at least a portion of the user's rule set as a function of one or more of: time, data transmitted to or from the user, and location or locations the user access.

28. The method of claim 26, further including the step of removing or reinstating at least a portion of the user's rule set as a function of one or more of: time, the data transmitted to or from the user and the location or locations the user access.

29. The method of claim 26, wherein the redirection server has a user side that is connected to a computer using the temporarily assigned network address and a network side connected to a computer network and wherein the computer using the temporarily assigned network address is connected to the computer network through the redirection server and the method further includes the step of:.

receiving instructions by the redirection server to modify at least a portion of the user's rule set through one or more of the user side of the redirection server and the network side of the redirection server.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1-29 were rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shiva Corp. Horowitz et al. (WO 96/05549) (hereinafter "Horowitz").

The claims have been amended to more particularly define the invention originally claimed.

Returning to the rejection, it is noted that Horowitz involves a remote access server for allowing a user to dial up via modem and access a private local area network. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to make it more clear that the claims are directed toward a system involving dial up network servers and redirection servers that are involved in the connection of a user to a public network, such as the Internet. The claimed system and the system of Horowitz perform various functions that are quite different from each other. For example, the filters used in Horowitz are based upon predetermined resources on the local computer network. In the context of a public network, however, the resources on the public

network are virtually limitless, constantly changing, and mostly unknown to firewalls, filters and similar systems. Thus, filtering based only on predetermined resources is not effective.

While not going into all of the patentably distinct features of the various dependent claims, as they all incorporate the clarifications contained herein in the independent claims, applicants would like to highlight some of these features. In particular, applicants do not see where Horowitz discloses redirection of data as a function of the individualized rule set as set forth in claims 5, 6, 12 and 13.
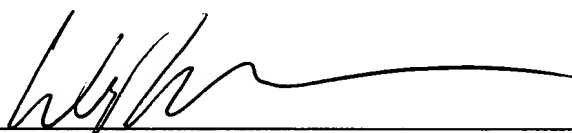
With respect to independent claims 15 and 26, applicants fail to discern a disclosure in Horowitz of allowing modification of a portion of a rule set as set forth in claim 15 and, particularly, allowing the automated modification of at least a portion of a rule set. Also, applicants fail to discern in Horowitz the disclosure of modifying at least a portion of the user's rule set while the user's rule set remains correlated to the temporarily assigned network address in the redirection server, as set forth in claim 26. It is noted that the Office action fails to indicate where the disclosure of this feature may be found in Horowitz.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit the claims are now in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the Office action dated January 30, 2001 is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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